पर्यावरण और वन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री कमल नाथ) : (क) केवल पटपरा जलाशय में जल भण्डारण पर वन (संरक्षण) अधिनियम, 1980 के उपबंधों के तहत प्रतिबंध लगाया गया है ।

(ख) जलाशय की सिंचाई क्षमता 405 हैक्टेयर है ।

(ग) और (घ) जलाशय में शामिल करने के लिए कुल 43.3 हैक्टेयर वन क्षत्र की आवश्यकता है, जिनमें 9331 वृक्ष लग हैं, जबकि जलाशय की सिंचाई क्षमता 405 हैक्टयर है ।

Regional museum of natural hinstory at Bhubaneswar

2802. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal to set up a regional museum of natural history at Bhubaneswar in Orissa;

(b) if so, the reasons for delay in setting up the museum; and

(c) the steps taken to expedited the setting up of the museum?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The matter is still under consideration.

Projects of Madhya Pradesh pertaining to environment

2803. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH THAKUR: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of projects received from Madhya Pradesh pertaining to environment and forests, pending sanction with Central Government;

(b) what are the reasons for the delay in sanction and whether the Government have received replies to its queries from the State Government within the stipulated period; and

(c) whether the Central Government propose to empower the State Government to utilise the forest land for the minor works like construction of schools, panchayat office, dispensaries, approach roads and irrigation reservoirs etc, in the Adivasi and other regions having dominant Harijan and backward population?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) 70 proposals under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and four proposals for clearance from environmental angle are pending in this Ministry as on 30-11-91.

(b) The main reasons for delay in taking final decision in respect of proposals received under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 is non-receipt of essential wanting details from the State/UT. Governments within the stipulated period.

(c) No, Sir.

Vast tracts of land under the 'Zudpi Jungle'

2804. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided that the vast tracts of land under the 'Zudpi Jungle' category in Maharashtra would be handed over to the land banks of Government of Maharashtra so that they may utilise such lands as per their requirements;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard;

(c) whether a large number of irrigation projects in Vidarbha which are still pending environmental clearance would now get clearance; and

(d) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b) Discussions have been held with the Maharashtra Government including the question of transfer of some part of Zudpi Jungle to Land Bank. Detailed proposals from Maharashtra Government are being considered.

(c) No irrigation project from Vidarbha is pending for environmental clearanc.

(d) Does not arise.

Manufacturers of Halons

2805. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some western manufacturers of halons on ozone depleting gas propose to step up the exports of this know-how to India; and

(b) if so, the reasons for the import of the know-how?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) No such proposal has been received by the Government.

(b) Does not arise.

Multinational Companies

2806. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the article titled "Multinational Corporation cons the Third World with ozone hole scare" which appeared in the Economic Times dated 17th November, 1991;

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) what is the present policy of Government with regard to use of Chlorofluorocarbons?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It was largely because of the efforts made by India and other like-minded developing countries that the amendments of the Montreal Protocol incorporating special provisions favourable to the developin countries were agreed to at the London meeting held in June, 1990. According to the amended Protocol, compliance by the developing countries with the phase-out schedule under the Protocol would be subject to transfer of technology to produce and use the substitute substances, with a guarantee that all incremental costs which the economy has to bear would be met by a fund created by the developed countries under the Protocol. The Government has decided not to join the Protocol till the amended Protocol comes into force, which is expected to take place next year.

(c) With a view to formulating the basic approach which should be adopted in preparing the national strategy for the phasing out of ozone depleting substances such as CFCs', halons and other chemicals and for adoption of substitute substances/ technologies, a Task Force has been established in the Ministry of Industry.

पर्यावरण में सुधार के लिए दिया गया ऋण

2807. **श्री शिव प्रसाद चनपुरिया** : क्या पर्यावरण और वन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) वर्ष 1991 के लिए विश्व बैंक की रिपोर्ट के अनुसार भारत को दिये गये 35 करोड़ डालर (910 करोड़ रुपये) के ऋण को जिन-जिन मदों पर खर्च किये जाने की संभावना है उनका ब्यौरा क्या है ; और

(ख) रासायनिक उद्योगों द्वारा पैदा किये गये प्रदूषण को कम करने के लिए